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REMARKS

Applicant has amended claims 1, 17 and 19. Care has been taken to avoid adding new matter. Claims 1, 2, 8-12, 17-19, 21-24 and 27-29 are presently pending in the application.

The Final Office Action dated August 8, 2006 rejected claims 17, 18 and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Tseng (U.S. Patent No. 6,429,123), rejected claims 1 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Rottstegge et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0091936), rejected claims 2, 8-11, 18, 21-24 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Rottstegge et al. in view of Liao (U.S. Patent No. 6,294,314), and rejected claims 12 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Rottstegge et al. in view of Liao and further in view of Mimura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,751,170).

Regarding these rejections, Applicant would like to thank Examiner Thanhha S. Pham for the Examiner Interview conducted with Applicant's representative, Kenton R. Mullins, on March 9, 2007, at which time it was indicated by Examiner Pham that the claims as presently amended would appear to distinguish over the prior art of record. It was suggested that submission of the current Amendment by Applicant would result in withdrawal of the outstanding prior-art rejections to the extent the claims reflect the content discussed in the Examiner Interview of March 9, 2007, which they do.

Accordingly, as a result of the mentioned Examiner Interview, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the current rejections of record.

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In view of the above, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions

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